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In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references, which was found during the prosecution of a co-pending Japanese Patent Application:

U.S. Patent No. 6,333,599

U.S. Patent No. 6,426,732

U.S. Patent No. 6,369,781

U.S. Patent No. 6,219,013

Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 11-212515 (corresponds to USP 6,333,599)

Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 10-333635

(corresponds to USP 6,426,732)

Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 11-109914

(corresponds to USP 6,369,781)

PCT International Publication No. WO 99/18561
(corresponds to USP 6,219,013)
PCT International Publication No. WO 98/21706
Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2001-013919 w/English abstract
Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2001-125537 w/English abstract

Copies of the references and a form PTO-A820 are attached.

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart international application not more than three months prior to filing this statement.

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